

Call for Program Submissions

Jean Piaget Society, 48th Annual Meeting



The Dynamics of Development: Process, (Inter-)Action, & Complexity

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 31 – June 2, 2018
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The question most central to developmental science is also the field's most elusive: How does human development work? In brief, how do new structures, patterns and levels of organization arise in human development? This question of how—targeting as it does the dynamics of development and the means by which development proceeds—is one that classic systems approaches to psychological development (such as Piaget's) began to address in the first decades of the 20th century. For much of the 20th century, however, developmental science routinely sidestepped dynamic questions, as the field grew increasingly reductionist in its orientation. Nonetheless, recent decades have witnessed a steady revival of emphasis on taking the question of dynamics seriously, yielding a focus on the embodied and embedded activity of individuals in time and context. This entails an understanding of how the real-time activities of people arise from the complex, dynamic relations of body, brain, and environment and of how these real-time activities yield developmental-time changes in people's psychological organization. It involves, in other words, a focus on self-organization and emergence, on nonlinearity and variability. The invited program for JPS 2018 will provide a survey of perspectives on how to think about and study the dynamics of development.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Paul van Geert (University of Groningen)	presenting the Dynamic Systems perspective
Karen Adolph (New York University)	presenting the Ecological/Gibsonian perspective
Mark Bickhard (Lehigh University)	presenting the Interactivist perspective
Ezequiel Di Paolo (Ikerbasque)	presenting the Enactive perspective

INVITED SYMPOSIA

Chaired by Thomas Bidell & Michael Mascolo, Ellen Hamaker, Tom Hollenstein, and Jeremy Burman, will cover Dynamic Skills theory, conceptual and methodological grounds for the study of intra-individual variation, and historical considerations relevant to current work in developmental dynamics

As always, we welcome submissions on any topic in developmental science!



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We are using on-line submission forms. When the form is completed, you will have the option to save a copy as a PDF or MS Word file. Visit: <http://www.piaget.org/Symposium/2018/call.html>

Full bibliographic references are not required. Tables and figures are not supported in the submission process. If you feel that tables or figures are essential to evaluation of your proposal, please contact Chris Lalonde (webmaster@piaget.org).

Submission Deadline: 15 December 2017

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations (15 minutes) may be focused on either empirical findings or theoretical analysis. The program review committee will select individual submissions and schedule a series of Paper Sessions that include 3–5 papers on similar topics. These sessions will have a moderator appointed by the program committee to introduce speakers and keep things on time. A paper proposal should include a 200 word abstract (for inclusion in the conference program) and a 1000 word summary (for the program review committee).

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations may be focused on either empirical findings or theoretical analysis. The conference usually holds two poster sessions held on separate days. The sessions are organized around broad themes derived from the 40–50 posters selected for each session. Posters are mounted for display in a high-traffic area for the entire day of the session, but presenting authors need only attend their poster during the official session near the end of the day. A poster proposal should include a 1000 word summary for the program review committee.

SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

Symposium proposals (75–90 minutes) should describe 3-4 presentations organized around a single topic. Symposium sessions will have a named organizer who may serve as moderator, and may include a named discussant who will comment on the presented papers. A symposium proposal should include a 400 word abstract (for inclusion in the conference program), and a 1500 word summary (for the program review committee) that describes each of the presentations and the session as a whole.

DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Discussion Sessions (75–90 minutes) are intended to provide an interactive venue for exploring ideas that bear on the development of knowledge, broadly conceived. They may be formatted as debates, panels, or organized discussions; and may focus on any well-defined topic. Submissions should include a 400 word abstract (for inclusion in the conference program), and a 1000 word summary (for the program review committee) that describes the topic and structure of the session and the role of each of the discussion leaders.

*We have a special JPS room rate of only 132.50 Euros per night!